

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Middle District of Pennsylvania

____ Division

Johnathan Wallace

Plaintiff(s)

(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

-v-
Centre County Correctional Facility

Defendant(s)

(Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names. Do not include addresses here.)

Case No. _____

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COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

(Prisoner Complaint)

NOTICE

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 5.2 addresses the privacy and security concerns resulting from public access to electronic court files. Under this rule, papers filed with the court should *not* contain: an individual's full social security number or full birth date; the full name of a person known to be a minor; or a complete financial account number. A filing may include *only*: the last four digits of a social security number; the year of an individual's birth; a minor's initials; and the last four digits of a financial account number.

Except as noted in this form, plaintiff need not send exhibits, affidavits, grievance or witness statements, or any other materials to the Clerk's Office with this complaint.

In order for your complaint to be filed, it must be accompanied by the filing fee or an application to proceed in forma pauperis.

I. The Parties to This Complaint**A. The Plaintiff(s)**

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name Johnathan Wallace
 All other names by which
 you have been known: John
 ID Number 23-0030
 Current Institution Centre County Correctional Facility
 Address 700 Rishel hill rd
Bellefonte Pa 16823
 City State Zip Code

B. The Defendant(s)

Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. Make sure that the defendant(s) listed below are identical to those contained in the above caption. For an individual defendant, include the person's job or title (*if known*) and check whether you are bringing this complaint against them in their individual capacity or official capacity, or both. Attach additional pages if needed.

Defendant No. 1

Name Centre County Correctional Facility
 Job or Title (*if known*) Warden Gordon and Schell
 Shield Number and Erwin
 Employer Centre County
 Address 700 Rishel hill rd
Bellefonte Pa 16823
 City State Zip Code
☒ Individual capacity ☒ Official capacity

Defendant No. 2

Name Hite
 Job or Title (*if known*) Director
 Shield Number _____
 Employer C.C.C.F.
 Address 700 Rishel hill rd
Bellefonte Pa 16823
 City State Zip Code
☒ Individual capacity ☒ Official capacity

Defendant No. 3

Name _____

Job or Title (if known) _____

Shield Number _____

Employer _____

Address _____

City

State

Zip Code

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Individual capacity

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Official capacity

Defendant No. 4

Name _____

Job or Title (if known) _____

Shield Number _____

Employer _____

Address _____

City

State

Zip Code

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Individual capacity

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Official capacity

II. Basis for Jurisdiction

Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, you may sue state or local officials for the “deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and [federal laws].” Under *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971), you may sue federal officials for the violation of certain constitutional rights.

A. Are you bringing suit against (check all that apply):

☒Federal officials (a *Bivens* claim)☒

State or local officials (a § 1983 claim)

B. Section 1983 allows claims alleging the “deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and [federal laws].” 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If you are suing under section 1983, what federal constitutional or statutory right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by state or local officials?

*Religious rights, Health, Fire, and Safety Rights.
Amendment 1, 14 and Pa Article 1*

C. Plaintiffs suing under *Bivens* may only recover for the violation of certain constitutional rights. If you are suing under *Bivens*, what constitutional right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by federal officials?

- D. Section 1983 allows defendants to be found liable only when they have acted "under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia." 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If you are suing under section 1983, explain how each defendant acted under color of state or local law. If you are suing under *Bivens*, explain how each defendant acted under color of federal law. Attach additional pages if needed.

III. Prisoner Status

Indicate whether you are a prisoner or other confined person as follows (*check all that apply*):

- ☐ Pretrial detainee
- ☐ Civilly committed detainee
- ☐ Immigration detainee
- ☒ Convicted and sentenced state prisoner
- ☐ Convicted and sentenced federal prisoner
- ☐ Other (*explain*) _____

IV. Statement of Claim

State as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe how each defendant was personally involved in the alleged wrongful action, along with the dates and locations of all relevant events. You may wish to include further details such as the names of other persons involved in the events giving rise to your claims. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

- A. If the events giving rise to your claim arose outside an institution, describe where and when they arose.

- B. If the events giving rise to your claim arose in an institution, describe where and when they arose.

End of May of 2023 on B1 Housing Unit at C.C.C.F.
when the Month of Ramadan was over.

C. What date and approximate time did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur?

May 21st, 2023 At Sunset, and threw out the Spring and Summer season. For Health, Safety, and Fire threw out my entire stay still current situation.

D. What are the facts underlying your claim(s)? (For example: What happened to you? Who did what? Was anyone else involved? Who else saw what happened?)

The Breaking of Fast of Eid Al-Fitr was not practiced there was other Muslims involved but did not know how to approach the issue. The entire Unit of B1 in C.C.C.F. viewed there was no Feast. The Grievance went from L.t. Unknown to Director Hite and Warden Gordon. Prison Society Branch knows about this incident and Inmates not having proper recreation and fire safety.

V. Injuries

The religious aspect of this petition was mentioned to Inspection in January and was dismissed as everywhere

If you sustained injuries related to the events alleged above, describe your injuries and state what medical treatment, if any, you required and did or did not receive.

Mentally Depressed myself from not observing the Feast it is a Reward for sacrificing all Month. My Anxiety and PTSD are constantly unstable, I am over weight, high blood pressure, and unstable because of these environmental and spiritual deprivations

VI. Relief

State briefly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If requesting money damages, include the amounts of any actual damages and/or punitive damages claimed for the acts alleged. Explain the basis for these claims.

For the Facility to correct the Health, and Safety issues first by giving the inmates more recreational options, and being more supportive 100% to everyone's religious rights not just partially. Post and Practice fire safety in each unit. Any Monetary Value the court sees fit for the times of deprivation of rights. I have been in these conditions over a year.

VII. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies Administrative Procedures

The Prison Litigation Reform Act ("PLRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), requires that "[n]o action shall be brought with respect to prison conditions under section 1983 of this title, or any other Federal law, by a prisoner confined in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility until such administrative remedies as are available are exhausted."

Administrative remedies are also known as grievance procedures. Your case may be dismissed if you have not exhausted your administrative remedies.

- A. Did your claim(s) arise while you were confined in a jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, name the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where you were confined at the time of the events giving rise to your claim(s).

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- B. Does the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose have a grievance procedure?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Do not know

- C. Does the grievance procedure at the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose cover some or all of your claims?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Do not know

If yes, which claim(s)?

Religious and Safety, Health, and Fire

- D. Did you file a grievance in the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose concerning the facts relating to this complaint?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If no, did you file a grievance about the events described in this complaint at any other jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

☐ Yes

☐ No

- E. If you did file a grievance:

1. Where did you file the grievance?

Here at C.C.C.F.

2. What did you claim in your grievance?

That inmates should be allowed outside, and have safety precautions.
The Islamic Religion should be allowed the Eid Al-Fitr as it is a Big part of Ramadan

3. What was the result, if any?

Denied as untimely with No Appeal given.

4. What steps, if any, did you take to appeal that decision? Is the grievance process completed? If not, explain why not. (Describe all efforts to appeal to the highest level of the grievance process.)

I talked to Prison Society who said they would talk to the Warden and get back to me.

F. If you did not file a grievance:

1. If there are any reasons why you did not file a grievance, state them here:

2. If you did not file a grievance but you did inform officials of your claim, state who you informed, when and how, and their response, if any:

G. Please set forth any additional information that is relevant to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.

The Issue of outside Recreation arose on B1 unit Multiple times with different officers and they responed saying the County/Town disapproves of it. Petetions went around for Voting.

(Note: You may attach as exhibits to this complaint any documents related to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.)

VIII. Previous Lawsuits

The "three strikes rule" bars a prisoner from bringing a civil action or an appeal in federal court without paying the filing fee if that prisoner has "on three or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

To the best of your knowledge, have you had a case dismissed based on this "three strikes rule"?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, state which court dismissed your case, when this occurred, and attach a copy of the order if possible.

- A. Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action?

☐ Yes

☒ No

- B. If your answer to A is yes, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. *(If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another page, using the same format.)*

1. Parties to the previous lawsuit

Plaintiff(s) _____

Defendant(s) _____

2. Court *(if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county and State)*
- _____

3. Docket or index number
- _____

4. Name of Judge assigned to your case
- _____

5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit
- _____

6. Is the case still pending?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, give the approximate date of disposition. _____

7. What was the result of the case? *(For example: Was the case dismissed? Was judgment entered in your favor? Was the case appealed?)*
- _____

- C. Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court otherwise relating to the conditions of your imprisonment?

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☒ Yes☐ No

D. If your answer to C is yes, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another page, using the same format.)

1. Parties to the previous lawsuit

Plaintiff(s)

Johnathan Wallace

Defendant(s)

L.t. Gemmati, Strunk, Shear, Pataki

2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county and State)

Middle District of Pennsylvania Sylvia H. Rambo

3. Docket or index number

1:24-cv-00010-SHR-LT

4. Name of Judge assigned to your case

Judge Rambo

5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit

January 2024 or December 2023

6. Is the case still pending?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If no, give the approximate date of disposition

7. What was the result of the case? (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was judgment entered in your favor? Was the case appealed?)

IX. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

A. For Parties Without an Attorney

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Date of signing: 2-21-24

Signature of Plaintiff

Printed Name of Plaintiff

Prison Identification #

Prison Address

Johnathan Wallace
Johnathan Wallace
23-0030
700 Rishel hill Rd
Bellefonte Pa 16823
City State Zip Code

B. For Attorneys

Date of signing: _____

Signature of Attorney

Printed Name of Attorney

Bar Number

Name of Law Firm

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Name

Booking #

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